



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 100

February Session, 2014



AN ACT CONCERNING BAZAARS AND RAFFLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-173 of the 2014 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

4 Any organization desiring to operate a bazaar or raffle in a
5 municipality which has adopted the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-
6 186, inclusive, shall make application in duplicate, duly executed and
7 verified, to the [chief of police of any municipality having a police
8 department or to the chief executive officer of any town in which there
9 is no police department,] Commissioner of Consumer Protection on a
10 form to be prescribed by the [Commissioner of Consumer Protection]
11 commissioner, in which shall be stated (1) the name and address of the
12 applicant; (2) facts relating to its incorporation or organization; (3) the
13 names, titles and addresses of its officers; (4) the kind of bazaar or
14 raffle intended to be held, operated and conducted by the applicant; (5)
15 the place where such bazaar or raffle is intended to be conducted by
16 the applicant under the permit applied for; (6) the date or dates and
17 the time or times when such bazaar or raffle is intended to be
18 conducted by the applicant under the permit applied for; (7) in the case
19 of a raffle, the number and price of tickets intended to be sold; (8) the
20 items of expense intended to be incurred or paid in connection with

21 the holding, operating and conducting of such bazaar or raffle and the
22 names and addresses of the persons to whom, and the purposes for
23 which, they are to be paid; (9) the items of merchandise offered, the
24 price to be paid by the organization therefor or the retail value of any
25 prize donated, and the names and addresses of the persons from
26 whom purchased or by whom donated; (10) the specific purposes to
27 which the entire net proceeds of such bazaar or raffle are to be devoted
28 and in what manner; and (11) any other information which the
29 commissioner reasonably requires for the protection of the public. In
30 each application there shall be designated three active members of the
31 applicant under whom the bazaar or raffle described in the application
32 is to be held, operated and conducted and to the application shall be
33 appended a statement signed, under penalty of false statement, by
34 such members so designated that they are residents of this state and
35 will be responsible for the holding, operation and conduct of such
36 bazaar or raffle in accordance with the terms of the permit and the
37 provisions of said sections, and that the statements contained in the
38 application are, to the best of their knowledge and belief, true. [Such
39 chief of police or chief executive officer, as the case may be, shall, at
40 least five business days prior to the date of such bazaar or raffle,
41 forward the original copy of such application to said commissioner
42 who shall review such application to determine whether the applicant
43 is qualified to hold, operate and conduct a bazaar or raffle under the
44 provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186, inclusive, or any regulations
45 adopted pursuant thereto, and whether other requirements in said
46 statutes and regulations have been satisfied.] The commissioner shall
47 forward the duplicate copy of such application to the chief of police of
48 the municipality or, if there is no police department, to the chief
49 executive officer of the municipality. For the purposes of applying for
50 a "Class No. 7" permit, authorized pursuant to section 7-175, the
51 application required pursuant to this section shall be [made to the
52 Commissioner of Consumer Protection] retained by the commissioner.

53 Sec. 2. Section 7-174 of the general statutes is repealed and the
54 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

55 [Such] After receipt of an application from the Commissioner of
56 Consumer Protection, the chief of police or chief executive officer, as
57 the case may be, shall, on behalf of the [Commissioner of Consumer
58 Protection] commissioner, make or cause to be made an investigation
59 of the qualifications of the applicant and the facts stated in the
60 application and, if such chief of police or chief executive officer
61 determines that the applicant is qualified to hold, operate and conduct
62 a bazaar or raffle under the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186,
63 inclusive, that the members of the applicant designated in the
64 application to hold, operate or conduct such bazaar or raffle are
65 [electors of such municipality] residents of this state, bona fide active
66 members of the applicant and persons of good moral character and
67 have never been convicted of a felony and that such bazaar or raffle is
68 to be held, operated and conducted in accordance with the provisions
69 of said sections and administrative regulations issued pursuant
70 thereto, such chief of police or chief executive officer shall, with the
71 approval of the commissioner, issue a permit to such applicant. [Upon
72 issuing such permit, such chief of police or chief executive officer shall
73 forward to the commissioner the state's share of the permit fee, if any.]
74 Any investigation required pursuant to this section of the
75 qualifications of an applicant for a "Class No. 7" permit, authorized
76 pursuant to section 7-175, and any issuance of a "Class No. 7" permit
77 shall be made by the [Commissioner of Consumer Protection]
78 commissioner.

79 Sec. 3. Section 7-176 of the general statutes is repealed and the
80 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

81 The fees to be charged for permits and submitted to the
82 Commissioner of Consumer Protection at the time of application shall
83 be as follows: A "Class No. 1" permit, fifty dollars, twenty-five dollars
84 to be retained by the [municipality] state and twenty-five dollars
85 remitted to the [state] municipality; a "Class No. 2" permit, twenty
86 dollars, ten dollars to be retained by the [municipality] state and ten
87 dollars to be remitted to the [state] municipality; a "Class No. 3"

88 permit, twenty dollars for each day of the bazaar, ten dollars to be
89 retained by the [municipality] state and ten dollars to be remitted to
90 the [state] municipality; a "Class No. 4" permit, five dollars, to be
91 [retained by] remitted to the municipality; a "Class No. 5" permit,
92 eighty dollars, forty dollars to be retained by the [municipality] state
93 and forty dollars remitted to the [state] municipality; a "Class No. 6"
94 permit, one hundred dollars, fifty dollars to be retained by the
95 [municipality] state and fifty dollars remitted to the [state]
96 municipality; and a "Class No. 7" permit, one hundred dollars to be
97 retained by the state.

98 Sec. 4. Section 7-182 of the general statutes is repealed and the
99 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

100 Any sponsoring organization that holds, operates or conducts any
101 bazaar or raffle, and its members who were in charge thereof, shall
102 furnish to the [chief of police of the municipality or to the chief
103 executive officer, as the case may be,] Commissioner of Consumer
104 Protection a verified statement [, in duplicate,] showing (1) the amount
105 of the gross receipts derived from each bazaar or raffle, (2) in the case
106 of a raffle, the number and price of tickets sold, (3) each item of
107 expense incurred or paid, and each item of expenditure made or to be
108 made and the name and address of each person to whom each such
109 item has been or is to be paid, (4) the net profit derived from each
110 bazaar or raffle and the uses to which the net profit has been or is to be
111 applied, and (5) a list of prizes of a retail value of fifty dollars or more
112 offered or given with the amount paid for each prize purchased or the
113 retail value for each prize donated and the names and addresses of the
114 persons to whom the prizes were given. Such report shall be furnished
115 during the next succeeding month. The [chief of police or chief
116 executive officer, as the case may be, shall forward the original copy of
117 such report to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, who]
118 commissioner shall keep [it] such report on file and available for public
119 inspection for a period of one year thereafter. The sponsoring
120 organization shall maintain and keep any books and records that may

121 be necessary to substantiate the particulars of such report, which books
122 and records shall be preserved for at least one year from the date of
123 such report and shall be available for inspection. Such report shall be
124 certified to under penalty of false statement by the three persons
125 designated in the permit application as being responsible for the
126 bazaar or raffle. [The report required pursuant to this section for a
127 "Class No. 7" raffle, authorized pursuant to section 7-175, shall be
128 submitted to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection during the
129 next succeeding month following the final prize drawing.]

130 Sec. 5. Section 7-183 of the general statutes is repealed and the
131 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

132 Each such report shall be examined by [the chief of police or the
133 chief executive officer, as the case may be, and by] the Commissioner
134 of Consumer Protection and shall be compared with the original
135 application. The commissioner may refer any violation of sections 7-
136 170 to 7-185, inclusive, or administrative regulations issued pursuant
137 thereto found therein to the office of the state's attorney having
138 jurisdiction over the municipality in which the sponsoring
139 organization is located and, [such] if the bazaar or raffle was located in
140 a different municipality than the municipality in which the sponsoring
141 organization is located, to the office of the state's attorney having
142 jurisdiction over the municipality in which the bazaar or raffle was
143 located. Such state's attorney office shall investigate and take such
144 action as the facts require.

145 Sec. 6. Section 7-185a of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes
146 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
147 *October 1, 2014*):

148 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186,
149 inclusive, and the regulations adopted thereunder, any organized
150 church, volunteer fire company or veterans organization or association
151 conducting a bazaar or raffle, (1) [may have the actual drawing of the
152 raffle in a municipality other than the municipality which grants the

153 permit, provided the chief executive officer of the other municipality
154 has in writing approved such drawing; (2) may conduct the bazaar in a
155 municipality other than the municipality which grants the permit,
156 provided the municipality in which the bazaar is to be conducted has
157 adopted the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186, inclusive, and the
158 chief executive officer of such municipality has in writing approved
159 such bazaar; (3)] may be permitted to redeem prizes in cash; [(4)] (2)
160 shall be exempt from the requirement of preserving unsold raffle
161 tickets beyond ninety days after the conclusion of the holding,
162 operating and conducting of such bazaar or raffle and shall be
163 permitted to dispose of unclaimed prizes after such ninety days; and
164 [(5)] (3) may file a reconciliation of expenditures and receipts signed by
165 an officer in lieu of an accountant.

166 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186,
167 inclusive, and the regulations adopted thereunder, any sponsoring
168 organization qualified to conduct a bazaar or raffle under the
169 provisions of section 7-172 [and recognized as a nonprofit organization
170 under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal
171 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal
172 revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended,] may
173 conduct such bazaar or have the actual drawing of [the] such raffle in a
174 municipality other than the municipality which grants the permit,
175 provided the chief of police or the chief executive officer of the other
176 municipality has in writing approved such bazaar or drawing.

177 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7-177, any sponsoring
178 organization conducting a bazaar may operate "fifty-fifty" coupon
179 games each day of a permitted bazaar event and may award cash
180 prizes of fifty per cent of "fifty-fifty" coupon game sales for each
181 coupon drawing conducted. Not more than three scheduled drawings
182 may be held on any day on which a bazaar is permitted. A "fifty-fifty"
183 coupon game shall be operated from an authorized bazaar booth,
184 subject to the regulation of the Commissioner of Consumer Protection
185 and shall allow for the sale of "fifty-fifty" coupons at a predetermined

186 uniform price. Each "fifty-fifty" coupon shall be consecutively
187 numbered and shall have a correspondingly numbered stub. Each
188 sponsoring organization shall provide different colored coupons for
189 each drawing and shall award one prize for each drawing held. Each
190 sponsoring organization conducting such games shall conspicuously
191 post, at each bazaar booth at which such games are conducted, a notice
192 or notices which shall include the dates, times and places of any "fifty-
193 fifty" coupon drawings, as well as the prices and colors of coupons to
194 be sold for each drawing. The commissioner shall prescribe the form of
195 such notice which shall contain the following statement: "Holders of
196 coupons must be present to claim a prize." Each such organization
197 shall account for each coupon printed and sold for each drawing and
198 shall announce the amount of sales and the prize to be awarded
199 immediately prior to each drawing. The sponsoring organization shall
200 preserve all sold and unsold coupons or stubs for a period of at least
201 one year from the date of the verified statement required pursuant to
202 section 7-182, as amended by this act.

203 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7-177, any sponsoring
204 organization qualified to conduct a bazaar or raffle under the
205 provisions of section 7-172 may operate a cow-chip raffle once a
206 calendar year and may award cash prizes in connection with
207 participation in such a raffle, in addition to those prizes authorized
208 pursuant to section 7-177. Such raffles shall conform to the provisions
209 of sections 7-170 to 7-186, inclusive, and shall be subject to regulation
210 by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection. A cow-chip raffle shall
211 allow for the sale of consecutively numbered tickets with
212 correspondingly numbered stubs, entitling the holders of such tickets
213 to the temporary possession of a plot of land for purposes of the
214 conduct of the cow-chip raffle. Each sponsoring organization
215 conducting a cow-chip raffle shall provide for a suitable land area on
216 which the cow-chip raffle activity is to be conducted. The area shall be
217 sufficiently enclosed so as to confine any animal utilized in the conduct
218 of a cow-chip raffle during the period in which the animal is so
219 utilized. The area shall be adequately marked so as to display the

220 number of plots to be utilized, which shall correspond to the number
221 of cow-chip raffle tickets to be sold. The manner in which winners in a
222 cow-chip raffle are determined shall be clearly stated prior to the
223 commencement of a cow-chip raffle drawing and each sponsoring
224 organization shall conspicuously post an information board which
225 shall display the consecutively numbered plots of the cow-chip raffle
226 event. A cow-chip raffle drawing shall commence at a designated time
227 and shall continue until all winners of authorized prizes have been
228 determined. No person may feed, lead or handle any animal utilized in
229 a cow-chip raffle once the animal has entered into the enclosed area
230 from which winners will be determined. Each sponsoring organization
231 conducting a cow-chip raffle shall deposit all proceeds from the
232 conduct of such raffle in a special checking account established and
233 maintained by such organization, which shall be subject to audit by the
234 [Commissioner of Consumer Protection] commissioner. Any expense
235 incidental to the conduct of such raffle shall be paid from the gross
236 receipts of cow-chip raffle tickets and only by checks drawn from such
237 checking account. All cash prizes awarded shall be paid from such
238 checking account.

239 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186,
240 inclusive, and the regulations adopted pursuant to said sections, any
241 sponsoring organization conducting a bazaar may operate a "teacup
242 raffle" and may, through the sale of chances, award prizes consisting of
243 gift certificates or merchandise. No such organization may conduct
244 more than one scheduled "teacup raffle" drawing for all prizes offered
245 on any day on which a bazaar is permitted. A "teacup raffle" shall be
246 operated from an authorized bazaar booth, and shall be subject to
247 regulation by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection. Each "teacup
248 raffle" ticket shall (1) be consecutively numbered and have a
249 correspondingly numbered stub that shall include the name, address
250 and telephone number of the purchaser, or (2) be a sheet containing up
251 to twenty-five coupons, each bearing the same number, and including
252 a "hold" stub for the purchaser and a correspondingly numbered stub
253 including the name, address and telephone number of the purchaser.

254 Sheet tickets shall be made available for purchase by permittees as
255 fund raising items at a price not to exceed ten per cent above the
256 purchase price. Each sponsoring organization conducting such raffle
257 shall conspicuously post, at each bazaar booth at which such raffle is
258 conducted, a notice or notices that include the date and time of any
259 "teacup raffle" drawing. The sponsoring organization shall preserve all
260 sold and unsold tickets or stubs for a period of at least one year from
261 the date of the verified statement required pursuant to section 7-182, as
262 amended by this act.

263 (f) (1) Any sponsoring organization qualified to conduct a bazaar or
264 raffle under the provisions of section 7-172 may operate a duck-race
265 raffle once each calendar year. Such raffles shall conform to the
266 provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186, inclusive, and shall be subject to
267 regulation by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection. For the
268 purpose of this subsection, "duck-race raffle" means a raffle in which
269 artificial ducks, numbered consecutively to correspond with the
270 number of tickets sold for such raffle, are placed in a naturally moving
271 stream of water at a designated starting point and in which the ticket
272 corresponding to the number of the first duck to pass a designated
273 finishing point is the winning ticket. (2) The [Commissioner of
274 Consumer Protection] commissioner shall adopt regulations, in
275 accordance with chapter 54, that establish procedures for the operation
276 of duck-race raffles.

277 (g) (1) Any sponsoring organization qualified to conduct a bazaar or
278 raffle under the provisions of section 7-172 may operate a frog-race
279 raffle once each calendar year. Such raffles shall conform to the
280 provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186, inclusive, and shall be subject to
281 regulation by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection. For the
282 purpose of this subsection, "frog-race raffle" means a raffle in which
283 artificial frogs conforming to specifications approved by the
284 commissioner and numbered consecutively to correspond with the
285 number of tickets sold for such raffle, are placed in a naturally moving
286 stream of water at a designated starting point and in which the ticket

287 corresponding to the number of the first frog to pass a designated
 288 finishing point is the winning ticket. (2) The commissioner shall adopt
 289 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, that establish procedures
 290 for the operation of frog-race raffles.

291 (h) (1) Any sponsoring organization qualified to conduct a bazaar or
 292 raffle under the provisions of section 7-172 may operate a golf ball-
 293 drop raffle once each calendar year. Any such raffle shall conform to
 294 the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186, inclusive, and shall be subject
 295 to regulation by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection. For the
 296 purpose of this subsection, "golf ball-drop raffle" means a raffle in
 297 which golf balls, numbered consecutively to correspond with the
 298 number of tickets sold for such raffle, are dropped from a helicopter,
 299 hot air balloon or other aircraft hovering above a designated target,
 300 and in which the ticket corresponding to the number of the first golf
 301 ball to be closest to the center of the designated target is the winning
 302 ticket. (2) The [Commissioner of Consumer Protection] commissioner
 303 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, establishing
 304 procedures for the operation of golf ball-drop raffles.

305 Sec. 7. Section 7-179 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
 306 *October 1, 2014*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	7-173
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	7-174
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	7-176
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	7-182
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	7-183
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	7-185a
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	Repealer section

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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